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CARROLL COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT TEAMS UP TO SUPPORT SPECIAL OLYMPICS MARYLAND

On **August 20th and 21st** Carroll County law enforcement will once again be teaming up with Dunkin' Donuts and their law enforcement colleagues around Maryland as they kick off their second annual **"Cops on Rooftops"** event here in Westminster. **Lieutenant Jim DeWees** (Maryland State Police) and **Chief Jeff Spaulding** (Westminster Police Department) will be sitting on the rooftop of the Westminster Dunkin' Donuts (576 Jermor Lane in Westminster) in the 140 Shopping Center beginning at 6:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 20th and they hope to raise \$10,000 for Special Olympics Maryland before they come down off the roof Sunday afternoon. Other special guests are expected to stop by for visits to the rooftop and to assist with the fund raising effort.

The Westminster location will host a spectacular outdoor fun festival for families and children from 1:00 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday on the parking lot of Dunkin' Donuts. There will be lots for kids to see and do, including demonstrations by police K-9 teams and the Westminster Police Department's T-3 mobility device, an upclose display of police cars and equipment, a kids "Craft Corner" sponsored by Lowes, a rock wall, moon bounce, halo jumper, face painting and much more. For those who contribute \$5 or more to Special Olympics, Dunkin Donuts will be providing a free cup of coffee or more – depending upon the size of the donation.

As Chief Spaulding and Lt. DeWees spend their weekend on the rooftop of Dunkin' Donuts, other officers and Special Olympics athletes will greet customers inside and outside of the store, passing around donation jars and rallying support for this great cause. Dunkin' Donuts customers and the general public are encouraged to stop by and support the officers in their efforts to raise both funds and awareness for the Law Enforcement Torch Run® for Special Olympics Maryland.

This is one of eight "Cops on Rooftops" events taking place around the state that weekend. Other locations include Laurel, College Park, Towson, Reisterstown, Havre de Grace, Mount Rainier and California Maryland. Collectively, law enforcement hopes to raise more than \$80,000 in one weekend to support the life-changing work of Special Olympics around the state.

“Cops on Rooftops” was conceived by a group of the law enforcement officers in Illinois who in 2009 took to the rooftops of 94 Dunkin’ Donuts stores locations across the state and raised more than \$182,000 for Special Olympics. Last year five (5) Dunkin’ Donuts locations across the Maryland participated in the program in late-September collectively raising more than \$29,000 for the athletes of Special Olympics Maryland.

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